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SHERIDAN COUNTY
APPLICATION FOR ONE CENT OPTIONAL TAX FUNDS

FISCAL YEARS 2011 TO 2015
(July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Sheridan County Fire Board PHONE: 307-672-9162

CONTACT PERSON: Bill Blastoch ADDRESS: P.O. Box 586, Big Horn, WY 83833

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$150,000 each year AMOUNT APPROVED: _____

TAX STATUS: _____ FEDERAL ID NO: 83-0315851 EMAIL: bblastoch@msn.com

DESCRIBE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: To protect all life and property from fire and respond to other emergencies such as medical and accidents within the boundaries of Sheridan county. To coordinate fire prevention and fire suppression with other Fed agencies and adjacent counties in Wyoming and Montana.

DESCRIBE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELECTION PROCESS: Elected board members of the six fire districts and a appointed County Commissioner.

NO OF BOARD MEMBERS: 7 TERM: Two- four years

LIST NAMES OF BOARD MEMBERS: County Commissioner, 6 District Board (1 from each District).from Big Horn Fire District ; Clearmont Fire District; Dayton Fire District; Sheridan Area Rural Fire Protection District; Story Fire District; and Tongue River Fire District.

BRIEFLY LIST PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES FOR REQUESTED FUNDS (Indicate if the funds are to be used for an operational subsidy or for one-time expenditures such as a project or equipment acquisition or capital improvements; indicate whether other sources are available and been applied for; indicate the reason County, rather than the City, Optional One Cent Sales tax funds are appropriate; if possible, estimate the number of citizens that will benefit):

These funds would used to purchase fire trucks and equipment that could not be funded with their normal Ad Valorem tax dollars. For example the average fire truck costs \$100,000 dollars and up to purchase and to properly equip. Three of our fire districts operate with budgets under \$60,000 a year. Standard operational costs use more than 50% of the budget. Other expenses such as equipment replacement, training, emergency reserve funds expend much of the rest of their budget. The districts save as much as they can for replacement of trucks, but the some districts find that it is difficult to save funds when at times it is all they can do put \$5,000 year into a reserve fund. Many of the district have trucks that are more than 15 years of age.

The objective is to provide additional funding for replacement trucks for the districts, if the trucks are funded they are to be used county wide for mutual aid responses.

OBLIGATIONS:

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES OF APPROVED FUNDS (Indicate amount per year and years for which funds are requested):

These funds would be used to assist the six fire districts in purchasing fire trucks and equipment. Each year \$150,000 would be put into a fund that the six fire districts could use upon approval of the Sheridan County Fire Board. Districts with Ad Valorem Tax income of less than \$60,000.00 would eligible to apply for the money as long as they contributed 20% of the purchase price. Districts with Ad Valorem Tax income of more than \$75,000 - \$150,000 income would be eligible to apply for the money as long as they contributed 35% of the purchase price. Districts over \$150,000 would be eligible to apply for the money as long as they contributed 50% of the purchase price. Funds not used would remain in the fund until the fund is depleted.

Approval for use of the funds must be made to the Sheridan County Fire Board and approved by a simple majority vote of the board. The fund must have \$150,000 in the account before it is opened. After the account is opened it remains open until the funds are expended.

GOALS AND BENEFITS TO THE SHERIDAN AREA COMMUNITY RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURES LISTED ABOVE:

1. Provide the fire districts who service both their taxpayers and visitors with adequate equipment to respond the emergencies of their district and to support surrounding districts.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

DESCRIBE LAST YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BENEFITS ATTRIBUTED TO CURRENT ONE CENT OPTIONAL FUNDS RECEIVED (If applicable):

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS APPLYING FOR THE CITY OF SHERIDAN OPTIONAL ONE CENT TAX FUNDS. IF SO, THE AMOUNT REQUESTED AND FOR WHAT YEAR(S) AND PURPOSE.

No _____

****PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR LAST FISCAL YEAR AUDIT (Or a Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement).**

****PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.**

****PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LATEST IRS FORM 990 (If Applicable).**

SIGNED: _____

Title: Sheridan County Fire Warden

Date: _____

Please complete this application. You may provide additional information if you wish.